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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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A Methodist preacher wrote me that he had studied so widely in liberal theology he had learned that there is a very definite teaching of Heaven in the Bible, but that we are not definitely told about Hell, and we do not know what kind of a place it is. In answer, I assured him that he had been reading the wrong books. If

he had read the Bible instead of the foolish guesses of a bunch of wicked unbelievers, he could have known about Hell, I reminded him that Hell is discussed in the Bible more often than Heaven, and as definitely portrayed. Oh, how we preachers have sinned in not preaching more about Hell!

And what the Bible says about Hell can be understood. The Word Hell in our English translation of the Old Testament is usually a translation of the Hebrew word Sheol. Words grow in meaning, down through the centuries, and usually become more definite. So the Hebrew word Sheol generally means the unseen state or the realm of departed spirits. Thus if the term is used symbolically, it might be translated grave and was sometimes translated so in our Old Testament. But usually that is misleading. The word is never used about a particular grave or sepulchre. Rather it refers to the unseen world or the realm of departed spirits.

The Greek word Hades is equivalent to the Hebrews word Sheol. The Old Testament was originally written principally in Hebrew, and the New Testament was written in Greek. So Hades originally meant the unseen world, or the realm of departed spirits. But gradually the terms began to refer not to all of the dead, but only to the unsaved dead; not those in Heaven, but only those in Hell. So when Jesus told us in Luke 16:22,23 that "The rich man also died, and was buried; and in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments," He used the Greek word Hades to picture a literal place of torment for the unsaved dead. It was a place of fire. It was a place without water. It was a place where the unsaved dead saw, heard, felt, remembered, were tormented, cried out to any who would listen!

In the New Testament there are other words used for Hell, in the original Greek. One of these is Gehenna. Some Bible teachers have gone to great pains to try make different places out of Hades and Gehenna. They have needlessly complicated the matter. To humble readers of the Bible who do not have at hand the means to study Greek and Hebrew and to search out what the scholarship of the world says about it, I can say after long years of study that the English word Hell, as generally understood, properly represents both Hades as used by the Saviour in Luke 16:19-31, and the word Gehenna as used through the rest of the New Testament. Hell, even now, before human bodies of the unsaved dead are brought out of the graves and cast into Hell, is already a place of fire, a place of torment, where poor lost sinners are hopelessly and eternally shut off from salvation and God in

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God's Emancipation Proclamation

BY EVANGELIST HYMAN APPELMAN

(Sermon preached February 19, 1943 on Christian Business Men's Noonday service, Station WJJD, Chicago, February 19, 1943. Mechanically reported for The Sword of the Lord.)

Now for our text this afternoon may I call your attention to Acts 13:38 and 39. Paul writes:

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

Let me read it to you again:

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man (meaning through Jesus, of course) is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

And for a subject I am going to speak to you on God's Emancipation Proclamation. God's Emancipation Proclamation—surely that is contained right here in these two verses of Scripture.

I remember when I was going to law school here in Chicago, a professor proposed a case to us. It seems that during the administration of President Jackson, two railway mail clerks were in a car that had a great deal of registered mail and just all sorts of money in it. They knew it some way; I don't know how. Perhaps it was told to them so that they might keep special guard over it. At any rate, one of those mail clerks killed the other and robbed the mail. In some way he tied himself up, threw himself against the side of the safe head-first and was knocked out, unconscious. At the end of the run he was found in that condition. He told a story of a pair of bandits shooting his partner, hitting him over the head, and robbing the mails. Federal authorities discovered discrepancies in his story. He was tried, sentenced, sent to Leavenworth. He served a few years. Some of his friends, (he was just a kid of a boy about twenty-six)—some of his friends appealed to President Jackson for a pardon. After some consultation and investigation, President Jackson issued the pardon. The paper was brought to Leavenworth Penitentiary and delivered to the warden. The warden called that boy into his office, explained the situation, finished by saying, "Now get your clothes together. There is a carriage waiting for you at the gate to drive you to the railway station. Here is your ticket. Take the train and go home. 'Here is your pardon, signed by President Jackson.'" Instead of accepting the paper with joy, the boy stepped back, and said, "Warden, I don't want the pardon. I killed the man and I am going to pay the full penalty." The warden said, "You can't do it. Here is the pardon. You have to leave the penitentiary." The boy wouldn't leave the penitentiary. The warden took the matter to higher authorities. Lawyers were consulted. The Supreme Court was appealed to. By unanimous decision, they voted that the pardon was unqualifiedly ineffective until the criminal involved accepted it.

You know, it is the same way with the gospel of salvation. It is the same way with the blood atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is exactly the same way with the offer of God's mercy. God has done all He could, The Lord Jesus Christ has done all He could do. The Holy Spirit is doing all

He can do. We preachers, our fellow-Christians are doing all we can do. Friends, the gospel will be a millstone about your neck, sink into you into the torments of a devil's Hell, unless you accept for yourself, by yourself, in penitential confession, faith, surrender, the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.

This is one of the clearest statements on the plan of salvation in the Bible. Let me read it again.

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

"And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

There are four things in this text on the face of it. It is a homiletic natural, if you will permit the expression. You don't have to be a preacher or a Bible scholar to see it. First, there are the subjects of the proclamation. Second, there is the source of the proclamation. Third, there is the substance of this proclamation. And fourth, there is the simplicity of it.

The Subjects of the Proclamation

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe..." Who are the subjects of God's grace? Who are the subjects of God's mercy? Who are the subjects of God's offer of salvation? For whom did the Lord Jesus Christ die on Calvary's cross? The word is specific. You know it without my telling it to you—"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son..." and the blessed rest of it. Again, "He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for our's only, but also for the sins of the whole world." Again, "Look unto me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth. For I am God and there is none other." Surely, if language means anything, if words mean anything, if the Bible has any message, if we Christians are unanimous, and unanimously right, on any one point, it is that the subject of this Emancipation Proclamation are all mankind; every man, woman, child, Jew, Gentile, black, white, brown, copper-colored, European, Asiatic, American, African, the men from the islands of the sea, the big sinner, the little sinner, the rich sinner, the poor sinner, the educated sinner, the ignorant sinner, the aged sinner, the young sinner—this Emancipation Proclamation covers every single, solitary one of them, all of them,—all who need the forgiveness of sins, and to that there is no exception in the souls of mankind.

The Source of the Proclamation

Now, what about the source of salvation? "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you." What is the source of this salvation? Is it the preacher? Of course not. Is it the church? Definitely no. Is it Christians in general? No, my friends. The source

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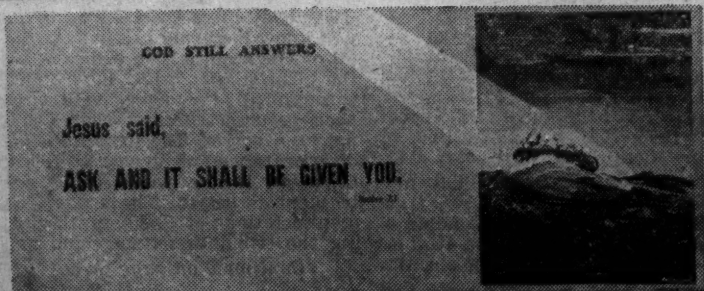
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And all those 120 sermons and full length Bible studies came to subscribers for a single dollar bill, in fifty two weekly issues of this

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GOD STILL ANSWERS

Jesus said,

ASK AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN YOU.

Inhabitants of Hell

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Heaven. The spirits of lost sinners will be called out of Hell at the last judgment of the unsaved dead, as pictured in Revelation 20:11-15, and their bodies will be raised from the sea and from the land; and then after that judgment both souls and bodies will be cast into the lake of fire which is, beyond any reasonable doubt, the same terrible kind of Hell of fire and brimstone as where the souls of lost sinners are now confined and tormented. Probably they are the same place. The lost souls of the unsaved dead are now tormented in flame. Later, both soul and body will be cast into Hell.

The Bible plainly gives a description of who will be the inhabitants of this horrible place, this hopeless place, called Hell. Oh, as we study about the inhabitants of Hell, may God make the place real to us, may we see why Hell is an absolute necessity for the confinement of such terrible sinners who are enemies of God and who hate Jesus Christ, and may we with burning hearts set out to keep others from Hell! And I pray that some poor sinners, reading about those who will be the inhabitants of Hell, may earnestly resolve that they, by God's grace, will never inhabit that place of torment, but will repent and be saved today!

I. Satan Will Inhabit Hell Forever

Revelation 20:10 tells us how John saw a vision of what will happen in the future: "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

Too many have had the opinion that Hell is ruled by Satan. That is not true. Satan does not even live in Hell now. He did not make Hell and he will never rule it. Rather, Satan will be cast into Hell as other wicked sinners are, and there he will be confined and tormented forever.

It appears that Satan was once an archangel of Heaven, a pure and sinless being in the presence of God. His name was Lucifer. Isaiah 14:12-17 says:

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; that made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?"

Because of his sin of ambition and self-will, Lucifer, the archangel of light, was cast out of Heaven. And that reminds us that Jesus said, when the seventy returned with joy telling Jesus how the devils, or demons, had been subject unto them, "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven." (Luke 10:18). So Satan is now an outcast from Heaven. He is now "the prince of the power of the air." (Eph. 2:2). He is now going about like "a roaring lion . . . seeking whom he may devour." (I Peter 5:8). Satan is now allowed to go to Heaven only to accuse Christians (Job 1:6-12; Job 2:1-7).

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Thus Satan is called "the accuser of our brethren." (Rev. 12:10). It was Satan who caused Adam and Eve to sin, just as he had led other angels to sin in rebellion against God. He tempted the Saviour Himself. He is back of all the deceit and sin in the world. Oh, what horrible things he has to answer for!

In Revelation 12:7-10 we are told of a great war which will come in Heaven in the time of the great tribulation and how Satan and his fallen angels will be cast out for the last time, from Heaven. And then Revelation 12:12-17 tells us how Satan will be more desperately angry, because he knows his time is short. He will be allowed to continue his horrible work for just a little while. Then he will be shut up in the bottomless pit, chained for a thousand years, as told in Revelation 20:1-3. And when the thousands years are finished and Satan shall have been allowed to test others who shall have lived on the earth in the millennial reign of Christ, then at last Satan will be cast forever into Hell. And we are told, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone . . . and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever!"

Can you conceive of the horrible wickedness of Satan? Remember that he had perfect light, as an archangel in Heaven, as one accustomed to the holiness and beauty and righteousness of God. And yet he rebelled against God. His self-will and ambition made him want to be as high as God, and he set out to be God's rival, seeking to tear this universe out of the hands of God! When God created mankind, Satan set out to ruin the whole race. Cast forcibly out of Heaven with his angels once before, Satan will evidently attempt to invade Heaven with his wicked angels and to seize all power in the whole universe. (Rev. 12:7,8). Since there is no real righteousness but that which is of deliberate choice, God allows people for a time, to be tempted by Satan. But his ultimate doom is an eternal Hell of torment!

Jesus in Matthew 25:41 plainly tells us that Hell is a place of "everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Hell was first and primarily made for Satan.

Do you not see that an eternal Hell, a Hell of separation from God and of torment for sin, is an absolute necessity? You who do not believe in Hell, you who do not believe Jesus Christ and do not believe the Bible—what would you do with Satan? He has had every opportunity to repent, has had every probation. It would be impossible to give him more light or more opportunity. For thousands of years he has hated God, has hated Christ, has set out to ruin all of God's creation. Surely no one but a fool could say that Satan ought to be received into Heaven. Hell is a necessity as a home for Satan. And everyone who screams and pleads in Hell, like the rich man who was tormented in flames, will be in the company of Satan himself, who will be likewise tormented and for whom Hell was primarily prepared. Satan will be "public enemy No. 1" in God's penitentiary, Hell.

Hell is waiting for Satan! Read Isaiah 14:9-11.

"Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee."

II. Fallen Angels Will Inhabit Hell

In II Peter 2:4 we are told that "God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to Hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment." A similar statement is found in Jude 6. "And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day."

Are these the angels of Satan, which Jesus mentioned in Matthew 25:41, when He said that the everlasting fire was "prepared for

the devil and his angels?" I think they probably are the same.

And are these fallen angels the same as the demons so often cast out by Christ and the apostles? Dr. Scofield thinks they are not the same (notice Scofield Bible note on "fallen angels" page 1292 and on "devils" page 1004). But I think they may be the same. Certainly all the demons, evil spirits and fallen angels will spend eternity in Hell.

We know that Satan is allowed to go among men to tempt them and test them, and that he will be shut up in the bottomless pit for a thousand years, and then released for a little season (Rev. 20:1-3) before being sent to Hell forever to be tormented. So millions of demons will come out of the bottomless pit, that is out of Hell, during the tribulation time to inhabit the soldiers of the Beast, the man of sin, and to torment men. (Rev. 9:1-11). And there we are particularly told (vs. 11) that the king of these evil spirits is Abaddon, Apollyon, that is Satan.

II Peter 2:4 says that angels were "cast down to Hell." The word *hell* there is translated from the Greek *tartaroo* meaning, according to Young's Analytical Concordance, just as translated, "To cast down to hell." That is the only time the word is used in the Greek New Testament. I think that word, and the term "the bottomless pit" of Revelation 20:1-3, refer to the same place. In Revelation chapter 9 we are told how demons will be released, like a plague of locusts, out of "the bottomless pit" to inhabit and torment the soldiers of the Antichrist. So I judge that fallen angels are now sometimes confined in a special prison-house, possibly a part of Hell itself, and that there Satan will be imprisoned during the thousand year reign of Christ. Angels who sinned were delivered "into chains of darkness." (II Peter 2:4). Those fallen angels "everlasting chains under darkness" are reserved "unto the judgement of the great day" (Jude 6). But if the word translated *hell* in II Peter 2:4 is in any wise different from the eternal Hell of burning, if it is for fallen angels a temporary prison where they are bound, and sometimes released to inhabit and torment wicked men, still it is certain that all evil spirits will, like their king, Satan, be tormented in "Everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels," as Jesus said in Matthew 25:41.

Evil spirits are all around about us. In Bible times they caused insanity, dumbness, and many kinds of suffering and sin. There is no doubt that evil spirits are back of much of the murder and drunkenness and insanity and rages and diseases of mankind today. I believe that Hitler is demon-possessed. Foreign missionaries often tell how heathen people are possessed of devils, and that they show the same symptoms as those in Bible times who were relieved by the Lord Jesus, as recorded in the gospels. Read for example *Pastor Hsi* by Mrs. Howard Taylor, published by the China Inland Mission, Philadelphia. It is a great book and thoroughly authentic and tells how an earnest Chinese Christian became literally "Master of Demons" by fasting and prayer and faith. He cast out devils, cured dope addicts and cured the insane in many cases.

These horrible and wicked demons, or devils, or evil spirits, are all around us. They seek to curse people's bodies, to warp their minds, to enslave them. The demons who are allowed out of Hell know that there is coming a time of eternal torment for them in Hell.

The maniac of Gadara, possessed of a legion of devils, was made to cry out to Jesus, "What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not." (Mark 5:7). Those horrible unclean spirits who had made that man insane, had given him superhuman strength to break chains so that no man could bind him, who had put it into his heart to live in the tombs, and when they were cast out of him begged to be allowed to go into a herd of swine that they might drown them in the sea—these unclean spirits knew that they were to be judged and tormented! Luke 8:31 tells us, "They besought him (Jesus) that he would not command them to

go out into the deep." I think the *deep* meant the bottomless pit. They feared Jesus would send them back to Hell. And Matthew 8:29 tells us that these demons cried out to Jesus, "What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?" These evil spirits knew that there was coming a time of eternal torment for them in Hell. They besought Jesus that He would not begin the punishment "before the time!"

How hideous, how horrible, will be the company in Hell, peopled by millions of unclean spirits who hate mankind, and who have for these thousands of years been doing the devil's business, with him, and will suffer with him tormented in Hell!

You who do not believe in Hell, what would you do with these unclean spirits? Hell was prepared as a home for them!

III. The Beast, or Coming World Dictator, and His False Prophet, Will Be Cast into Hell to Be Punished Forever

Please read again Isaiah 14:9-17. You will find that while it is talking about Satan, called Lucifer there (vs. 12), yet that passage implies that Satan in the last days will incarnate himself in a man, a great ruler or usurper, a dictator, and that that man, with all of Satan's power, will be cast into Hell.

Daniel 9:26 mentions "the prince that shall come," and verse 27 tells us that "He shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the over-spreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate." (Daniel 9:27).

This "abomination of desolation" when the Jewish altars will be defiled and the sacrifices stopped is mentioned again in Daniel 11:31-32. This evil person was typified somewhat by Antiochus Epiphanes. But the great man of sin himself is yet to come as Jesus warns us in Matthew 24:15, and "then shall be great tribulation." (Matt. 24:21). II Thessalonians 2:3-10 tells us again of this wicked "man of sin," "son of perdition," "that Wicked" "whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders."

In Revelation, chapter 13, we find that the "little horn" of Daniel, chapter 7, has taken possession of the whole beast, the resurrected Roman empire, as I believe. This, of course, is future and will occur after the rapture of the saints. In that thirteenth chapter of Revelation, Satan, the dragon, is said to give his power to the beast. This evil beast or dictator will continue forty-two, months, or three and a half years, or 1260 days, and we are told that "Power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life." In that same chapter another beast is mentioned, a false prophet, who will work miracles and cause people to worship this antichrist, the first beast or man of sin, or son of perdition.

But this world ruler is to be utterly destroyed! In Revelation 19:11-21 we are told how the Lord Jesus will return from Heaven, crowned with many crowns and with all the angels of Heaven following Him, and how He will, in the great battle of Armageddon, defeat "the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army." (vs. 19). And then we are told how this terrible, devil-possessed man, this world dictator, this beast in human form, will be cast into Hell with his wicked false prophet. Revelation 19:20 says, "And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone."

Surely, the very lowest depth of human wickedness will be attained by this beast, this man of sin, this

son of perdition, and by his demon-possessed false prophet who will have power to work miracles for the devil. And these two will be "cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone." Eternal Hell will be their portion. Revelation uses the past tense, since it tells of a vision John saw; but the clearly intended meaning is future.

A thousands years later, when at the end of the millennial reign of Christ, Satan will, after causing the rebellion, be cast into Hell, the beast and the false prophet will still be there and still be tormented! For Revelation 20:10 says, "And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

The man of sin and his false prophet will be inhabitants of Hell.

Where else could they go? They have never-ending souls. They cannot cease to be. And after they will have been cast into Hell alive, a thousands years later they will still be there. Oh, what horrible company will be in Hell!

IV. All Who Take the Mark of the Beast Must Inhabit Hell

That coming time when the wicked man of sin, the beast of the book of Revelation, shall have his world-wide rule is sometimes called in the Bible the "Great Tribulation" (Matt. 24:21, Rev. 7:14). The horrible plagues of an angry God on sinful men, the scourge of demons from Hell possessing evil men, with war, oppression, famine and disease, along with earthquakes, will make it the most terrible period of all human history. Soon after the saints of God are caught up to meet Jesus in the air, that Great Tribulation will begin. Then the beast will set out to make everybody on earth worship him. Those who worship him will take on their foreheads or in their hands some mark or seal. What it is we are not told. Guessing is useless. Those who do not take the mark of the beast and worship him will not be allowed to buy nor sell. Without ration cards, doubtless millions will starve as many did in Russia a few years back. Others will be hunted down and slaughtered. Jews, converted during that period, will be specially hated, and the wicked ruler will set out to kill them. All who do not take the mark of the beast will seem to be in deadly danger.

But those who do take the mark of the beast, take his brand, take his seal, and agree to worship him, will thereby seal their doom forever! They commit an unpardonable sin and make certain that they will inhabit Hell!

For Revelation 14:9-11 gives us this terrible proclamation given by an angel of God: "And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, if any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his mark in his forehead, or in his hand, the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name."

Every person who takes the mark of the beast will be tormented in Hell with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of Christ, and the smoke of their torment will ascend forever, and they will have no rest day nor night! Hell will be inhabited by everyone who takes the mark of the beast.

During the Great Tribulation time the churches may all be closed, gospel preachers will be persecuted and put to death, but God will be demanding decision. Everybody alive then, we suppose, will know how God has caught out all of His saints. The bodies of all the Christians who have died through all the ages, will have been resurrected, and that could not be a secret. The instantaneous disappearance of every living Christian in the world could not be kept a secret. The marvelous manifestations of God's wrath during the tribulation time could not

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be ignored. And God will demand that men choose. Those who choose to take the mark of the beast and worship him are doomed forever. Let no one say that the unpardonable sin can be committed no more. That is a mistake. Millions will pass over the deadline and commit the unpardonable sin, making certain that they will spend eternity in Hell. For everyone who takes the mark of the beast is to be tormented in fire and brimstone, says the Scripture in Revelation 14:9-11.

But these people are men, women and children who will simply reject Christ and decide for evil. If they go to Hell forever, then what of others who heard the gospel, who know they are guilty, many who do not repent, do not turn to Christ for mercy?

V. Judas Iscariot Will Be in Hell Forever

Judas Iscariot was one of the twelve apostles chosen to walk with Jesus in His earthly ministry, to hear Jesus preach and teach. He was evidently, at the start, a good moral man. It seems that even to the very last it was not suspected, by any of the other eleven, that he was a thief, that he was a devil, that he had not been saved. He was the treasurer, and his integrity was never doubted by any but Jesus who knew his wicked, unregenerate heart.

But Judas was never converted. He never trusted in Christ. He was never born again. In John 6:64 Jesus said, "But there are some of you that believe not." Then we are told, "For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him." Again in the same chapter, John 6:70,71, we are told, "Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve." Judas was one of those that believed not! Jesus knew that from the beginning, we are told: Judas was a devil, which means I think, that a demon had entered into him. So Judas betrayed the Saviour for thirty pieces of silver, led the mob and officers of the high priest to the Garden of Gethsemane where He was; there he kissed Jesus on the cheek, a traitor's kiss, to identify Him.

After Jesus was crucified we are told that, "Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood." But the heartless chief priests and elders said, "What is that to us? see thou to that." We are told next that, "he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself." Judas was condemned by his own conscience, his own moral sense. He was sorry that he took the money. He repented toward the chief priests, but not toward God. He did not look to Christ for mercy and forgiveness, but in despair went and hanged himself.

There is every evidence that Judas went to Hell. For Peter, speaking we believe by divine inspiration, said, as quoted in Acts 1:25, that from his ministry and apostleship (not from salvation) "Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place." Judas went to his own place, and no doubt that place was Hell. Remember that Jesus said, "But woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born." (Matt. 26:24). That terrible woe could only be pronounced on a man who was to spend eternity in Hell. If Judas could ever get to Heaven to spend eternity there, it could not be said of him that "it had been good for that man if he had not been born." So Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of the Lord Jesus Christ, the apostle, the preacher, the one who saw Jesus work His miracles and heard him preach His sermons and sat beside Him at the table and slept near Him in the night for three and a half long years—Judas Iscariot will be forever in Hell!

VI. The Unconverted Gentiles Who Remain Alive for Judgment When

Jesus Returns to Reign on the Earth, Will Be Sent to Inhabit Hell

Above we said that those who take the mark of the beast in the Great Tribulation time must go to the place of torment in fire and brimstone. We suppose those will include the armies of the man of sin who will be destroyed in the great battle of Armageddon as described in Revelation 19:19-21. But some of the civilian population, too, will take the mark of the beast, no doubt. Some of these will still be alive on the earth after the battle of Armageddon when Jesus sets up His throne at Jerusalem and judges the living Gentiles or "nations" as described in Matthew 25:31-46. Others, who it may be will have avoided publicly taking the mark of the beast, will there be brought to judgment. "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." (Matt. 25:31,32). The dividing point will be whether they were for the brethren of Christ, the Jews, or whether they were for the man of sin, the beast. At the close of that judgment in Matthew 25:41, Jesus tells us, "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." And verse 46 says, "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." How many millions will there at once go into Hell!

That judgment is pictured by the reaping of the wheat and tares in the Saviour's parable in Matthew 13. Jesus explained that parable in these words: "As therefore the tares are gathered and burned in the fire; so shall it be in the end of the world. The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; and shall cast them into a furnace of fire." (Matt. 13:40-42). That "end of the world" is literally "the consummation" or "end of this age." And these unconverted Gentiles, who hate the Jews, will inhabit Hell following that judgment of the nations.

VII. Murderers, Whoremongers, Socrers, Idolaters, As Well As Unbelievers, Shall Have Their Part in the Lake of Fire

The wicked of all ages will inhabit Hell. That is made clear by the description in Revelation 21:8, which says, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." The murderers? They will be in Hell. The whoremongers? They will inhabit the place of torment. So will the idolaters. So will the abominable, so will the liars. And so too will all the unbelieving! Unbelief is counted along with murder. And unbelievers as well as murders and whoremongers will spend their eternity in Hell, where the fire is not quenched and the worm dieth not.

Revelation 22:14 tells us how happy are they who have a right to the tree of life and enter in through the gates into the city. But the following verse, Revelation 22:15 says, "For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murders, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie." What a horrible list of the sinners who go to Hell!

All the wicked will be in Hell. Where else would they be? Unregenerate, godless men; surely they cannot inhabit Heaven! No. Jesus said in Matthew 13:49,50, "So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

There has to be a separation of the wicked and the just. Every good man would want it so. Every chaste and virtuous woman should want it so. All who want to do right would want it so. God is going to separate the wicked from the just, and the wicked shall be

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of that Proclamation is the love, the mercy, the compassion, the grace of God. How reads it: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son." Read on: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour." Friends, the only reason I am here this afternoon preaching to you is because God, Almighty God, through His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, left the Great Commission. I am commissioned by God. I am ordained by God. You say, "Preacher, you don't mean that. You mean you were ordained by a church." Friends, if I thought that the only ordination I had to preach the gospel was of the church, so help me God I would quit preaching right now. The church has no inherent authority to ordain anybody. God has that authority and God only. The church is merely the agency through which God exercises that authority. God has commissioned us to go out and proclaim the glad news of salvation by the Lord Jesus Christ. The source of that Proclamation is God: the God against whom you have sinned; the God who created you, the God who is preserving you, the God who loves you, the God who wants to save you, the God who can save you, the God who alone will save you—save you this hour, right now if you'll come over to Him.

But the source of that proclamation is not only in God, but it is through the Lord Jesus Christ. It is not through any church. It is not through any denomination. It is not through any preacher. It is not through any priest. It is not through any doctrine. It is not through any creed. It is not through any ceremony or ordinance. It is solely and entirely through the Lord Jesus Christ. Why the Word is plain: "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins." Why, you can join every church in Christendom, Catholic, Protestant, Baptist, but it won't do you a bit of good. You can conform or confirm (either way you want to put it), with every ritual, with every doctrine, with every dogma, with every creed that man has ever written, but it won't save you from your sins. No, salvation is from God and it is definitely, and directly, and solely, in, and through, and because of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Substance of the Proclamation

I have told you about the subject, I have told you about the source. Let us go on. What about the substance of that Proclamation? What does it offer to us? What does it carry with it? What does it provide for us? What does it lead us into? What does it give to us in the acceptance of it. Let us go back to the word of God. How reads the text again? "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses."

The other night I preached in the church where I am conducting the revival there two weeks and in my message I showed the difference between pardon and justification. The next night a man came to me and said, "Brother Appelman, it took me almost all night to figure out what you were talking about." He said, "I thought pardon and justification were the same thing. I thought forgiveness and justification were the same thing." Why my friends, that is just not so. They are not cast into Hell.

That is the teaching of Psalm 9:17, which says, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nation that forget God." The wicked shall inhabit Hell.

VIII. All Who Have Not Definitely Had Their Names Written in the Book of Life Must Inhabit Hell

When we talk about the wicked, in some sense that means the (Continued on page four)

the same thing. Yes, when we accept this Emancipation Proclamation; when we are washed in the blood, when we close with the offer of God's mercy; when we confess Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour, our sins are forgiven us, but that is not enough! That is not enough! Definitely, that is not enough! You say, "Preacher, have you lost your mind?" No, I haven't. "Well, how can you say that that isn't enough?" Because it isn't enough. "What are you talking about?" I'll tell you what I am talking about. You'll agree with me when you hear it.

Supposing I were to go on the streets of Chicago, steal an automobile, and be sentenced to the Joliet Penitentiary; supposing the Governor, Mr. Green, were to pardon me, I would be pardoned, I would be forgiven, but I would still be a thief, I would still be a sinner. Mr. Green cannot change that. Our sins must be forgiven by God, but He must also justify us. Make us just, make us righteous, make us holy. My text says, "By him all that believed are justified." That means that God makes us, that He regards us as though we had never sinned. Hallelujah! That is something to thank and praise God for, to shout about, until the heavens echo back our thanksgivings to Jehovah—Tsidenku! Listen, there isn't anything or anybody in all the world except God who can declare us just. But the Bible definitely, specifically teaches "There is no difference for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by his grace." Again, "Therefore being justified by faith we have peace with God." Again, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." They all mean the same thing. That is what this Emancipation Proclamation offers to every one of us; the forgiveness of every one of our sins, and the absolute, unqualified declaration in the archives of Heaven for time and eternity, that God has declared us to be forever just in, in the fashion of, in the likeness of the blessed Lord Jesus Christ. When we are saved God does not see us as we are, but He sees us as we have become in the washing of the blood of Jesus, and in the regeneration of the Holy Spirit.

The Simplicity of the Proclamation

Now, there is just one word left. I have told you about the subject. I have told you about the source. I have told you about the substance. Consider last of all the simplicity of that Emancipation Proclamation, just the simplicity of it. Its conditions are so clear, so definite, so easy, so simple. God exhausts human language, repeats Himself again, and again, and yet again, to press upon our hearts the offer, the clear free offer of salvation. Let me read the text again: "Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: and by him all that believe (that is the condition) are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses." Just believe! Believe in the mercy of God. Believe in the grace of God. Believe in the compassion of God. Believe in the Word of God. Believe in the promise of God. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Believe He was the Son of God; believe that He was born of the virgin Mary, believe that He was buried, believe that the third day He rose again, believe that He ascended to the Father, believe that He is at the right hand of the Father, interceding for us, believe that He is able to save to the uttermost all them that come unto God by Him. Then do what God tells you to do, even now come unto God by the Lord Jesus Christ.

What does it mean to come unto God? Paul the apostle tells it better than I can. This is what it means:

"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

If you believe that Jesus is the Son of God, if you believe that He is the Anointed, the Appointed, the Ordained, the sent-forth Saviour, just take a public stand for Him.

Just as you accept His mercy, confess His person, His passion, His power. Do what Jesus tells to do when He says, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." There is absolutely no chance of misunderstanding this clear direction: Just trust Christ and His shed blood, confess Him as your Redeemer before men, and by every promise in this blessed Bible, your sins will be forgiven, you will be justified forevermore.

Now may we bow our heads and close our eyes in prayer. First to those of you out yonder over the radio. Oh, my friend, if you know you are a sinner, if you believe Jesus died for your sins, if you have the least desire in your soul for salvation, right now, right now by that radio of yours, close your eyes, lift your heart to God, and say, "Lord, have mercy on me a sinner, for Christ's sake," and the deed is done. Write in and tell us that you are rejoicing in the salvation of the Lord. Just as quick as ever you are able, publicly acknowledge the Son of God as your Redeemer.

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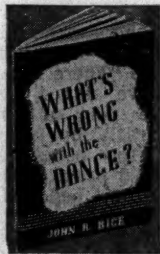
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whole human race. Surely no one would deny that there are wicked men. Does anyone who reads this deny that Hitler is wicked? And yet millions think he is noble and follow him. And no doubt he himself has the highest opinion of himself, even as you have of yourself. And Romans 3:22,23 says, "For there is no difference: for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:9,10 says, "What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; as it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one." And I John 1:10 says, "If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us." So, since all of us are sinners, there must be a definite transaction before any man can escape Hell.

That is the meaning of Revelation 20:15 which says, about the future great white throne judgment: "And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Everyone who does not have a definite transaction, by which his name is written in the book of life, by which he becomes a child of God, a born-again one, will go to Hell. Everyone who has not personally accepted Christ as his own Saviour and so come out from under condemnation, must go to Hell. For Jesus promised in John 3:16 that "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Those who put their trust in Christ definitely, depending on Him for forgiveness and salvation, "shall not perish," that is they shall not go to Hell. But in the same chapter, Jesus continues in verse 18, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Dear reader, if you have not definitely trusted in Jesus Christ for forgiveness, then you are already condemned to Hell!

Remember that Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3). If you have not been born again, you cannot see, you cannot enter, the kingdom of God and Heaven. And that means all who do not get the new birth, do not get a change of heart, must go to Hell. Have you been born again? If not, I warn you as urgently and earnestly as I know how, that you are on the road to Hell. Oh, turn and flee to the Saviour!

Remember that Jesus said, "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 18:3). Have you been converted? Has there been a definite time when you committed your soul to Jesus, depended upon Him, received Him as your own Saviour? Did God change your heart and give you peace and assurance of forgiveness? If you have had such a blessed transaction, then you are not on the road to Hell. But if you have not, oh, I humbly beseech you, beware lest you be among the inhabitants of that awful place!

Most of the world is going to Hell. That is made clear by the words of the Saviour in Matthew 7:13,14. There Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

If you have not entered in through the narrow gate, even through Jesus himself who is the door, the way, the truth, the life, then you are on the broad road to destruction and "many there be which go in thereat." Oh, get your name written down in the book of life today and escape Hell!

Preachers, I beg you, preach more about Hell! Christians, set out to win people before they become inhabitants of the place of torment! Lost sinner, I plead with you, repent today and run to Christ for mercy, have your name written down in God's book of life, be saved today and escape Hell!